

**MAY 2004**

**Eventing Rally:** A big thank you goes to Roanoke Valley PC for hosting/organizing another successful Eventing Rally. Thank you also to Foxtails for their assistance. As has been the case for the past several years, the rains fell upon our competitors for at least part of the day. Unfortunately, Ashley O had a bad horse/rider fall and was injured when her horse stepped on her upper arm and the studs on his shoes damaged her tissues. The bad news is that Ashley spent over 1 week in the hospital and had several surgeries, missed her senior prom. The good news is that she does not have any nerve involvement and will have a full recovery and will soon be back in the saddle again. Ashley's family is most appreciative of all the help they got from the pony club "family" and for all the cards, calls and other wishes for speedy recovery. [click here for Event Rally results](#)

**GAMES RALLY:** A huge pat on the back to Buffalo Creek PC and all of their crew for a tremendous job at our Games Rally this past weekend. Highlands was the co-hostess club with the mostest and took good care of the HM staff and kept everyone well hydrated. A special thanks to all of the parents who showed up for the assigned volunteer jobs at the right time and who jumped in so willingly when extra help was needed. This is what makes a rally run well. KUDOS TO ALL !! click here to see [Games Rally results](#).

**"D" RALLY PACKETS NOW ON THE WEB SITE, [CLICK HERE](#).**

**DANIEL STEWART CLINIC JULY 26TH, FLOYD, VIRGINIA, [CLICK HERE](#).**

**VIRGINIA REGION TETRATHLON RALLY JUNE 26TH,** I believe you were all notified of this date by the rally organizer. If you have any members who wish to go be sure to meet their closing date. If any wish to qualify in Championships they must have my consent and they must file a championships intent packet as they would for any other rally. The champs intent packet can be found on this website using link from home page to Forms.

**BRAGGING TIME AGAIN!!** Congratulations to **Rachel P**, Rapidan River, who was selected as 1 of 4 members of the USPC team for the South African cultural/competitive exchange. Rachel and her team mates from the Northwest and Carolina Regions will leave for their adventure on August 23rd. She has promised that she will take lots of pictures and keep a diary. We are very proud of you and very excited for you Rachel.

**Eleanor B** (Mt. Skyline) and her horse, Bailey, are now in England to compete and further their experience in upper level Eventing. I have learned through my "secret sources" that not only is Eleanor the youngest in the US to be competing at the Advanced level but SHE IS THE YOUNGEST IN THE WORLD. Now, that is quite an accomplishment. Eleanor is going to be sending home a regular diary of her experience and I will post it on our web site for all to keep up with what she and Bailey are doing. Again, we are very proud of them.

The summer calendar is full with pony club activities. It will be time to head back to the VHC for Dressage and Show Jumping Rally. Immediately following that is our upper level prep camp at Sweet Briar. Then south to the outer banks of NC for the HA test. Then west to Kentucky. It is looking as if we will have 36 members competing in Championships. Some will be staying on for the Educational programs of Festival. Right after Festival will be our B test at Penmerryl and the D Rally which is on the same weekend. Whew! After that we are going to need some time to relax and then the fall calendar will get into swing! Remember to take good care of your mounts in the heat. If you are going to Ky with your horse be sure to get them adapted to riding in the humidity and heat as it is very hot and humid there. Remember to get them used to being in a stall as they will be stalled for 4 days after a long trailer ride! Think about electrolytes, but think about it now so that they will not have to adjust to the taste if added to water and go off water in Kentucky. Try to bring some of the water from home so that you can add a bit to the water there for the first day or so. Try to get them used to as much as you can think of that they will suddenly be faced with if going to Kentucky. If your mount has age and you think he/she will need to have Bute be sure to discuss this with your vet and remember to bring a vet note (refer to HM Handbook). You must present that note to the Chief HM Judge of your discipline. Most of all, remember to have a good time.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next rally, as always. Travel safely, we care about you.

Happy Trails,  
Jan G